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SUBJ: PASSENGER SEDANS FOR CUSTOMS PERSONNEL ASSIGNED
TO EMBASSY

FOR BU CUSTOMS

REF: YOUR 221746Z JAN 75

ATTN: PERRY A. DAYTON, DIRECTOR, PROGRAM PLANNING STAFF

1. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO TRANSFER OF CUSTOMS' VEHICLES TO MEXICO CITY FOR USE BY STAFF HERE AS LONG AS VEHICLES CONFORM TO IMPORTATION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND AS LONG AS IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE NO DRIVERS AND ONLY LIMITED ASSISTANCE IN MAINTAINING THE CARS. WE USE LOCAL COMMERCIAL FACILITIES FOR MAINTENANCE AND PURCHASE ALL GASOLINE (AT US \$.91 PER GALLON) FROM MEXICAN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PEMEX. CUSTOMS CAN, OF COURSE, DO LIKEWISE AND MAKE DIRECT PAYMENT OF ANY CHARGES.

2. USG-CONTROLLED PARKING SPACES IN EMBASSY BASEMENT AND OUTDOORS ARE ASSIGNED ON BASIS OF AGENCY/OFFICE AMERICAN CITIZEN STAFFING AND USE OF SPACES SO ASSIGNED DURING EMBASSY OFFICE HOURS IS DISCRETIONARY WITH OFFICE CHIEF. CUSTOMS ASSIGNED ONE SPACE ON THIS BASIS. AFTER CLOSE OF BUSINESS ALL USG-OWNED VEHICLES ARE PARKED INDOORS AND TWO CUSTOMS VEHICLES COULD BE ACCOMMODATED FOR OVERNIGHT AND WEEKEND PARKING. ONE CAR WOULD HAVE TO BE REMOVE IN THE MORNING AND PARKED ON STREET

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OR IN COMMERCIAL LOT DURING THE WORK WEEK, HOWEVER.

3. ALL USG-OWNED CARS IN MEXICO MUST BE COVERED BY THIRD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE AT ANNUAL COST OF U.S.\$36.80.

4. THERE IS CURRENTLY NO LIMIT ON NUMBER OF CARS WHICH USG CAN IMPORT, BUT ALL PASSENGER VEHICLES MUST BE IN MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S

CATEGORY "A" LIST. MR. D.T. LINVILLE, ARA/MGT/PM, STATE, HAS CURRENT LISTING THESE VEHICLES AND CAN PROVIDE IT TO CUSTOMS FOR REFERENCE. USG-OWNED CATEGORY "A" CARS CAN BE EXPORTED FROM MEXICO AT ANY TIME, BUT MAY ONLY BE SOLD IN MEXICO AFTER THREE YEARS FROM DATE OF FREE ENTRY HAVE ELAPSED. FOR CUSTOMS INFORMATION, CARS PURCHASED BY STATE FOR USE IN MEXICO ARE ROUTINELY EQUIPPED WITH AIR CONDITIONING, POWER BRAKES, POWER STEERING, HEAVY DUTY ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND SUSPENSION. WE PREFER OFFICIAL VEHICLES NOT BE BLACK IN COLOR FOR SECURITY REASONS.

5. IF CUSTOMS DECIDES TO PROCEED WITH ASSIGNMENT OF CARS TO MEXICO CITY, WE SHOULD BE INFORMED OF FULL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION AND ESTIMATED DELIVERY DATE AND MEANS AS SOON AS THAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE WE CAN ARRANGE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ENTRY CLEARANCE AT PORT OF ENTRY.
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